

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Chen et al.**

Serial No.: **10/666,796**

Filed: **September 18, 2003**

For: **Method of Displaying Real-Time
Service Level Performance, Breach, and
Guaranteed Uniformity with Automatic
Alerts and Proactive Rebating for Utility
Computing Environment**

§ Group Art Unit: **3625**
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§ Examiner: **Michael Misiaszek**
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§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030302US1**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A fee of \$790.00 is required for filing a Request for Continued Examination. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Preliminary to the continued examination of the above referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.